

Minutes of CCC meeting on 12/17/13.

Facilitator: George Hoquet

Attendees: Kate the Stalwart, Mike the M., Aaron the Strong, Denys the Tenor, George the Great.

Scribe (note taker): Mike M.

Meeting Place: Alladins, Sq. Hill 5:15-6:45 p.m.

This was the new member organizational meeting following the Annual Meeting.

1. The meeting was opened with gracious thanks to Kate for her several years of service on the CCC, and Denys reminding us of the importance and practice of mindful meetings.

2. The first priority of the CCC was determined to be following up on, and helping to implement, the recommendations and decisions made by the Sangha at the Annual Meeting (AM). Other concerns would include answering questions that folks might have about the processes of the Sangha and dealing with issues that were raised to the committee during the year.

George presented a spreadsheet of the priorities decided at the AM, which included who had volunteered to organize/convene the committees, and who had agreed to assist.

It was noted that the CCC should have at least 4 members, so someone would be asked to fill-in if someone dropped out.

It was also noted that the committee currently is all Brothers, and the addition of one or two Sisters in the Sangha would be welcomed.

3. George recommended that we should plan CCC meeting dates, publicize these for members who might want to attend and to generally look to increase transparency in the CCC and Sangha activities in general.

4. Mike gave a small report on the final disposition of Joanne Stephensen's books, and Denys inquired if a couple of her copies were kept in our library. Mike to investigate and Denys volunteered to look for his copies if we have not kept a some.

5. So that issues may be addressed and to make it helpful for Sangha members to know who to ask if questions arise, CCC members agreed to assume responsibility for certain areas.

George volunteered to work on Communications, esp. using our web presence, and to work on Sangha financials. Denys will aid on financials if needed.

Mike & Denys will work on the ad hoc committee recommended at the AM to discuss the Sangha's relationship to Dharma Teachers, and whether to consider other Dharma Teachers. Denys will convene this committee in February when he returns from a business trip in January.

Mike reported that the Retreat Committee Structure organization plan proposed at the AM had been swiftly addressed by Tony and that he is completing the final draft. He will follow up with Tony on it's completion.

6. A discussion on Retreats and DOMs was held with George noting that a friend from Colorado

mentioned that they only have residential retreats, no commuters, for deep practitioners. George also offered that a DOM for new members might be appropriate.

Kate mentioned the possibility of a DOM at the Nuin Center, and Denys volunteered to follow-up with the Practice Council on DOMs.

7. As the Ohio site for the proposed Monastic visit had dropped out, George reported that they are proposing spending a full week, from August 27th to September 3rd in Pittsburgh. Though this would be a wonderful opportunity for the Sangha, it was noted that this might be a very busy time for Sangha members with August vacations, children returning to school, and the Labor Day holiday occurring then.

George will follow up with Brother Phap Vu with the numbers of the Monastics that would visit, including gender. so that we might propose a hosting plan to our members. George also mentioned that a visit to the new West Virginia Sangha might be in order during their time here.

8. Denys noted that the Practice Council is not looking for new members at this time. A sign up for Tuesday night facilitation is available on our website.

9. It was agreed that CCC members should communicate with each other before the next meeting on the progress of the things we agreed to do.

10. The next meeting was proposed for 2/11/14 whether in person or in a phone conference.

Respectfully submitted: Mike Milberger